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# **24-HOUR REPORT**

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## (U) CALIFORNIA

## (U) Sacramento - Criminology Professor Charged with Arson

(U) A California man was charged with setting a portion of the Sierra Nevada forest ablaze. Prosecutors say Gary Maynard, a criminology professor with a specialization in deviancy, drove up to Sierra Nevada and set a part of the forest on fire. Arson is a major concern in California, where in recent years, massive wildfires have raged in the state. According to reporting, 10% of wildfires every year are set on purpose. Last year alone, the number of wildfires started by arson rose from 301 to 320. SOURCE: 8 October 2021, Insider.com

# (U) San Jose - Shooting, Multiple Fights Reported After Soccer Game

(U) Five people were arrested Thursday night after gunfire and multiple fights erupted following a soccer game in California, authorities said. More than 40 officers responded to the chaotic scene that broke out at PayPal Park, which sits just west of San Jose's airport, city police said. Authorities declared the incident an "unlawful assembly." One person suffered a "grazing bullet wound," while several others were taken to the hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening, police said. Authorities have not released the names of the people charged but said one of the suspects was arrested on firearms violations.

SOURCE: 8 October 2021, NBC News

## (U) SOUTWEST BORDER

### (U) Texas – Border Patrol Agents Encountered Five Migrants Suffering from Gunshot Wounds

(U) Hidalgo – US Border Patrol agents from the McAllen Station responded to illegal activity near Hidalgo, Texas and encountered 11 migrants. Five migrants were suffering gunshot wounds sustained in Mexico, prior to their entry into the US were immediately provided lifesaving treatment by agents before emergency medical assistance was requested. Hidalgo Police Department officers arrived on scene as well, as the migrants were transported to a local hospital. An investigation is currently underway to determine the circumstances of the shooting.

SOURCE: 7 October 2021, US CBP

#### (U) NATIONAL

### (U) Alabama – Judge Orders Evaluation, Increases Bond for Fire Suspect

(U) Montgomery – A judge ordered a mental evaluation and increased bond Wednesday for a woman charged with setting fires that did \$25,000 in damage to a prominent Baptist church in the capital. The judge issued the ruling after prosecutors argued that Yan, charged with setting fires at the First Baptist Church of Montgomery, was a Chinese citizen who is in the US illegally after overstaying a revoked student visa. Yan, who had addresses in Auburn and Montgomery, was charged with second-degree

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arson after someone set fires in multiple locations in the church last Friday. SOURCE: 6 October 2021, US News

## (U) District of Columbia – US House Panel Probing 6 January Capitol Riot Issues More Subpoenas

(U) Washington DC – The US House of Representatives Select Committee investigating the deadly 6 January riot at the US Capitol said on Thursday it had issued more subpoenas seeking testimony and records related to a rally that took place the day mobs of former President Donald Trump's supporters stormed the seat of the US government. They seek deposition testimony from Ali Abdul Akbar, also known as Ali Alexander, and Nathan Martin, who are connected to permit applications for the rally, and request the production of records from those individuals and from Stop the Steal LLC, an organization affiliated with the rally, the committee said.

SOURCE: 8 October 2021, Reuters

## (U) Georgia – DEA Agents Seize \$4.5 Million in Methamphetamines

(U) Ellenwood – More than 1,600-pounds of meth worth about \$4.5 million is off the streets after the DEA busted a meth conversion lab in Ellenwood. According to the DEA, they also arrested three men from Mexico who are in the country illegally. The men also belong to a drug cartel.

SOURCE: 8 October 2021, CBS 46

# (U) Ohio – Authorities Arrest 161 People in Largest Human Trafficking Sting in Ohio History

(U) Cleveland – A firefighter, college professor and a Cleveland-area city councilman were among 161 people arrested in a sex sting operation last week, described as the state's largest focused on human trafficking. Ten minors reported missing were recovered during a simultaneous operation carried out by the US Marshals Service. Fifty-one women, would-be victims, were provided assistance by social service advocates. It was unclear how many of the women were charged. Most of those arrested were charged with engaging in prostitution, a first-degree misdemeanor. Other charges related to drugs and firearms. SOURCE: 6 October 2021, USA Today

## (U) INTERNATIONAL

### (U) Afghanistan - Suicide Bomber Kills 46 at Mosque

(U) Kunduz – A suicide bomber attacked a mosque in Afghanistan's northeastern Kunduz province on Friday, killing 46 people and wounding more than 140. Video footage showed bodies surrounded by debris inside the mosque that is used by people from the minority Shi'ite Muslim community. No group immediately claimed responsibility. The blast followed several attacks, including one at a mosque in Kabul, in recent weeks, some of which have been claimed by Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS). SOURCE: 8 October 2021, Reuters

### (U) Mexico – Authorities Arrest La Linea Cartel Member Linked to the Killing of Nine Americans

(U) Chihuahua City – Mexico has detained another suspect in the 2019 murder of nine Americans in the northern state of Sonora. Federal agents and members of Mexico's National Guard on Wednesday detained Uriel Valle Dominguez, a.k.a. "El 18," in a house in Chihuahua City. The suspect is now among 20 alleged members of La Linea drug cartel facing charges for the 4 November 2019, ambush of a caravan of vehicles that killed three adult female members of the LeBaron and Langford families as well as six of their children.

SOURCE: 7 October 2021, Reuters

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#### (U) Morocco – Authorities Arrest Five ISIS Members

(U) Tangier – The Moroccan security services dismantled a terrorist cell linked to ISIS operating in the northern city of Tangier and arrested five suspects aged between 22 and 28. The Central Bureau of Judicial Investigation reported nitric acid chemical residues, suspicious liquids, nails, electrical wires and six gas cylinders suspected of being used in the manufacture of homemade explosives were seized. SOURCE: 8 October 2021, Manila Times

# (U) Turkey – Police Arrest ISIS Member Wanted by Interpol

(U) Ankara – Turkish police have detained a wanted ISIS terrorist in an operation in the capital Ankara, according to a security source on Thursday. After receiving information that the Russian national entered Turkey illegally from Syria, anti-terror police conducted an operation to capture the terrorist. The security forces in Ankara raided the address of the terrorist, who was also sought by Interpol on a red notice, on Thursday morning.

SOURCE: 7 October 2021, AA.com

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